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To the right Worshipfull

Maister Philip Sydney,

Esquire,



HIS little Treatise (Right Worshipfull) entituled, *De re militari*: beeing lately found in the Forte in Irelande, where the Italians and Spaniards had fortified thesemblues, by fortune came into my hands by a souldier of good experience, who lately serued there: which after I had perused (& take the deuise of some of better vnderstanding then my selfe in those affaires, which very much liked and allowed the worke) I was greatly boldned & encouraged to enterprise the Translation of the same, partly because these principall orders are alwaies to be obserued in warlike gouernement, and chiesely because in our English tongue, I finde not the lyke extant, for the necessary instruction and generall commoditie of our common Souldiers: which brieve introduction (being common in our language) may be an inducement to betrer knowledge, and further vnderstanding, wherby in time our seruitours by good obseruance and imitation, may attaine the lyke perfection, that all other forreine Nations doe generally embrace. And finding not any more forward then your Worship, to further and fauour this Martiall knowledge (beeing of your selfe most ready & aduenterous in all exercises of feats of warre and chivalry) I haue therfore presumed (as vnknewen) to dedicate this brieve worke vnto you, which as a simple token of my good will, I doe humbly pray you to accept in good part, not doubting but that vnder your protection the same shall be sufficiently defended

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The Epistle Dedicatorie.

fended and well lyked, and those imperfections in mee
the Translator, the better borne withall, wherein I haue
rather obserued the true and litterall sense, then anye
waies varied from the order of the matter, as the Au-
thour setteth it forth. And euen so referring my selfe
and slender trauell vnto your curteous acceptation,
wishing you that increase of worship and prosperitie,
as euery wayes your noble minde deserueth,
doe euen so take my leaue. From Lon-
don the.9. of December.

1581.

Your Worships hum-
ble to commaund,

Nicholas Lichfield,



¶ The prologue of the Authour

to the Readers,



My olde and feeble age which now hath fully attained the number of lx yeares, with the sundry requests of many noble men my very friends, which many times haue giuen me occasion to yelde heerevnto, moueth me now (my fatall, uncerteine end appproching) to satisfie & accomplish theyr reasonable desire, and therefore I haue now enterprised to shew them in a small treatise, by noting, that which many times they haue intreated me by word of mouth, a matter that hath bene thought by them I could better performe (then in truth I am able) by reason of the long continuance that in the art De re militari, my troubles and travell hath brought me vnto. And although y some haue wrytten of this matter heeretofore very excellently (with great perfection,) yet for that those times and seruice the which they did wryte of, doth differ much from that which is at this present. It cannot be, but this my travell (at leastwise if it deserue to be called travell) will somewhat profit them, which truly I haue taken in hand but onely for pleasure and recreation. And forasmuch as that which is already wrytten of this matter, is but of a few authours, which were well knowne, & if there were many more, yet it cannot be ordered by their rules & precepts without great incouenience, for truly in this matter there would be great want within our time, if there were no order by art for to place in proportion, whatsoeuer number be it great or smal, y which ought to be esteemed & more chiefly obserued, then those rules which bindeth & compelleth with prescription of number by limitation, and marke appointed them as though that there they should end, which is to be amplified and increased vnto such a greatnesse as the number doth require, and this may be spoken of many, that I doe it of a new inuenti-

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uention, if there were not many others that reade this little treatise, which will affirme themselves to knowe the same, the which giueth me occasion not to offer this my rude woꝛke vnto such, but vnto those unskilfull soldiers as are not instructed in the art of ordering, or haue any light or knowledg what they ought to doe. Therefore vnto suche as are most excellent Maisters and Captaines, there is no order but that they haue perfect, no deuice but they haue sense, no warres but that they haue borne in, noꝛ no other science but that they doe vnderstand. Vnto such therefore the whole iudgement ought to be left, soꝛasmuch as Fortune and Nature hath endued them with so great value, whereby they deserue to be more aduanced then those hoarie heads of 15. yeares of experience, vnto whome hath all things bene contrarie, soꝛ not allowing or hauing any regard vnto strange things, but esteeming more their owne proper doings, whose knowledg cannot be lesse then this that I sette forth.

I doe not meane to publish this to such like persons of vnderstanding, but rather I doe request them to aduertise me of my ignorance, soꝛ that the same maye be amended & corrected that is amisse. And also I shall desire them if there be anye thing in this which before was vnknowne vnto them, that they woulde in good part friendlye accepte the same at their discreations, soꝛ my intent is onelye to write vnto those that are affectioned vnto matters of the warre, and to the arte of ordering, not desirous to stape vppon a long experience to see the same done, without there be an order to helpe them, or art to make them perfect, to such I doe pray, desire, and earnestly request, that they do not desist from so worthy an intent, since that order that we doe principallye set forth and declare, is so inuincible and wonderful.

Soꝛ by the same we doe see the daye and night is gouerned.

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ruined, by this the bodylie health of man is preserved, all Cities and Townes well ordered and mainteined, and by the same, Kingdomes are sustented, upholden, and kepte in peace, and the people in quietnesse and tranquillitye, the which order in matters of warre, they ought to haue in lyke regarde as in that of a Citie, that is well gouerned, yea, farre better, for in one onely Citie, the hurt or losse of ill gouernement is therein inclosed, but the lacke of order in a Campe or Armye of men in time of necessitie and appoach of enemies, oftentimes hath been the onely losse of sundrie kingdomes. The which being knowne vnto the Maiestie of Princes, and to those that doth gouerne in theyr high Councils of warre, hath bestowed such offices vppon suche excellent grane persons of vnderstanding, to whome they may most assuredly commit and giue all care & charge thereof, leauing the same to theyr most prudent knowledge.

I doe leaue to speake of those excellent Generalles, the which are at this present, whose name I dare not with my pen to touch, but rather referre that to others, who canne better sette forth theyr worthy commendation, and it is sufficient for me to bee thankfull that GOD hath giuen vs them from aboue, for the gouernment of the earth.

And thus thou goodly Reader which art affectioned vnto this arte of a Souldyer, doe not giue ouer, nor cease not to procede in this manly enterpryse and pretence, for by the same thou shalt reape most sweete and delectable pleasure and rewarde, that is stayed for thee, and besides shalt lyue in an exercise, that is greatly esteemed, from whence thou shalt obtayne honour, which is thy last desire. And nowe first you must vnderstande, that it is necessarie to abandonne all suche faultes, as are accustomed to bee, at the Marching of a Companye, of whose disorder commonlye chaun-

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chaunceth great daungers and inconueniences; because the Captaines haue not commonly that great respect and care to the charge that doth apperteyne vnto them. And therefore I will declare how they shall march and be gouerned, & of their obedience to the order, the which is giuen them by theyr Officers, the which shall be diuided into three partes, beginning after the order following.



THE FIRST PART,

De re militari.

Of the order which ought to be observed, in

the marching forward of a company of souldi-

ers, from the place where they are lodged,

Cap. 1.

For the marching from the alodgy-

ment, from whence a Capitaine

with his companie are in a readi-

nesse to departe, this order must

be observed. First, the Capitaine

must cause to proclaime, that all

such souldiers which are enter-

taines to serve under the Ensigne

and government of such a Capitaine, prepare themselves

to be in readynesse, with their armour and furniture the

next day following in the morning, which usually is at

the departing of the day, because the compaignie maye

march safelye a reasonable journey, till to the next day.

Howe such a company of souldiers, should be

provided with furniture necessary, In Cap. 2.

On the night before their departure, the Ser-

geant of the Burgh, commandingment

from his Capitaine or Lieutenant hath

to deale with the Rulers of the Citie,

to knowe what place they are lodg-

ged, that they prepare such necessarye

Waggones as the compaignie shall want, In the provision

of which furniture, the Carrage of every Squadron,

shall make enquire among his company of their present

want, and then to keepe an account, by reckoning, what

is



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is deliuered ouer and beside the necessities, deliuered to the Captaine or his Lieutenant.

The which prouision shall be brought to a place or house in the Towne, and there peticular repetition to be made, in such sort, that no Officer take without order, more then hisly both appertaine vnto them, and that equally to be deuised vnto euery Squadron. A Squadron properly is the number of xlv. men, of which number each Corporall hath charge, and euery vnder Corporall shall haue the like charge of such numbers, as shall be committed vnto them.

¶ How the Souldiers shall ioyne or come together, and in what order, Cap. 3.



In the morning after repetition of their Baggage, whilst the Souldiers prepare themselves for their departure, the drum player ought to repaire to their Ensigns; to the house of the Ancient Bearer, which is the place of meeting. And then the Sergeant of the Band, as his Souldiers repaire and come together, shall march in a rounde or Muster to see if any want, and dayly to accustome themselves to attend vpon their Ensigne or Anuntient.

¶ Of the order and manner how they shall depart from the place where they were lodged.

Cap. 4.



After the greatest part of the company are ioyned, the Ensigne shall march out of the Towne or lodgement with the souldiers in good order, and when they are passed a reasonable space from the Towne, they shall there stay. And the Sergeant of

of

of the Band shall retourne backe againe to the Towne, to see if any of his companie remaine behinde, and finding any, to compel them to followe and repaire to the Ensigne, and to rebuke or reprehend them for their delay and slacknesse: in such wise that they may vnderstande, that they ought to be in subiection to the Princes Officers.

How the Baggage must passe, when the companie is commaunded to march forward.
cap. 5.

The Officers hath to commaund the Baggage to be placed in the Vanguard, before the Ensigne. This is to be vnderstande, where there are no enemies. But where the enemy is expected, there shall the baggage be placed either in the Vanguard or Rereguard at the discretion of the Officers. But if it happen to be appointed in the Vanguard it shall goe about the length of a Crossebowe shot, before the companie, so that alwayes they keepe in their sight for the sauegarde of the carriage. Provided alwayes, that one Squadron of Hargubusters, or Pike men shall goe ioyntly in defence of the baggage, as by daily lot ought to be appointed for that purpose, & the officer that hath the charge of the Squadron, which commonly is called Cabo de Squadra, shall haue respect when the Ensigne doth stay which is meant onely to carry for such Souldiers as come dragging behinde with wearinesse in the Rereguard. The like must be done with them that hath the charge of the baggage. And then seeing the maine company begin to march they then ought to march also, vntill they come to their alodgment. But before the company overtake them, they shall stay & abide with their baggage about the length of 2. or 3. shot of a Crossebow, before they come to the appointed place of lodging,

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lodging, to be aduertised in what part of the Towne, Citie, or Village, they shall enter, following their Ensigne.

¶ How, and in what order they shall enter to the
the alodgement. Cap. 6.



As soon as the maine company are come to the place where the baggage abideth their coming, all such Souldiers that haue Horses, shall alight from their horses, and accompany their Ensigne, entering into the Towne in good order.

The Captaine ought to haue speciall care that none of his company presume to take by lodging without a hysse or billet from the Barburger; for otherwise shuld appeare small dutie or regard of the Officers, and among the principallest and chiefest souldiers, this rule ought first to be obserued for an apparant example to all the rest, to the intent utterly to banish disorder.

¶ How and in what order a company of Hargubusiers ought to enter into the Towne. Cap. 7.



If the company be Hargubusiers, then shall enter in this sorte, first, the Colselettes shall be placed in the Vanguard, with a Drumme player. And if the order be that they shall goe three in a Ranke, the Drumme player shall goe

after the third Ranke. But if the order be by fives and fives, the Drum shall then goe after the fifth ranke, and then shall follow the Ensigne with another Drumme player and a Flute. But there must be a pretty space betweene the Colselettes and the Hargubusiers by reason of the Ensigne, Drumme player, and Flute.

because

because they must be placed betwene the corselets and hargubuseirs; and the corselets must each carrie an halberd.

If the companie be Pikemen, then must they observe this order in their entrie. Cap. 8.

If a companie of Pikemen, the hargubuseirs shall march in their vanguard with their ordnance player in the ranke that he shall be appointed, in the ranke of three or five, and then shall march the pikemen with the ordnance player and flanke before the pikemen shall march the corselettes of the companie, and in the reregarde the Cabos de squadra of Pikemen which shoulde be corselets. And now must the companie of Pikemen goe in the reregarde or else the hargubuseirs, the baggage of each shall goe next unto the campe.

The order to be observed in going to the campe. Cap. 9.

Before the companie departe from the place where they are lodged, the banner bearer shall depart thence foure houres, or a whole daie before the armie, and haue made provision of lodging before their coming. And then he shall yelde or give unto the sergeant a briefe note according to the number that he hath in his memorie, to direct them to their lodging.

How a companie ought to be lodged. Cap. 10.

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The best Anne of lodging is to be provided for the Captaine, and the seconds is likewise to be given to the Auncient bearer, and Sergeant of the bande, next unto them must be lodged the Drumme, plaiers and Fluite, & then the Squadron of the Captaine, and after they are placed, must likewise be placed the Squadron that is appointed for the garde of watch, and then those that hath alreadye served in that garde, and last of all the rest of the companie.

The Harbenger ought alwaies to take by lodging for a greater number then is in his memorizall, not to the intent to benefit himselfe, but rather that thereby maye remaine, and so be lodging for other page traineylers.

How the watch ought to be set.

Cap. ii.



The companie being come to the lodging of the Auncient-bearer in good order before they departe towarde theyr lodging, the garde of watch must be learned to make them readye to attende that night on the Captaine, which watch must be of the Captaines Squadron, and the next night following another Squadron of Hargubusaires, and so consequently all the other Squadrons. And then must followe the Pikemen in the same order, and when euery Squadron hath obserued his course, then must they begin againe as at the first, so that they may alwaies keepe a good order in their marching forward, and to be experimented in their duetifull service of their Prince.

How

How their lodging shall be appointed for
avoiding of briberie. Cap. 12.



Uigilant care must be had that no soldier have appointed for him, more then his needfull lodgeing, and therewith to content themselves, bee it eyther for a speciall or a perticular number. And because that occasion should be avoyded of chopping and changing of lodging for interest or money, and also oppressing the Cities, Townes, or Villages where they lye. The officers must have of this point a speciall care, but principally the Captaine, his Lieutenannt, or Ensigne-bearer, on whom the charge particularly lyeth.

How the baggage shall returne.

Cap. 13.



The baggage shall not bee transported from one place to another without great necessitie, because one colone maye not bee more overcharged then another. And when they shall retourne to the place where they were appointed, they shall paye account of their receiuing, to the intent that no Soldier loyter behinde from one day to another, as many times they vse to doe, which is a greate disorder, and the only fault lyeth in the officers that ought to have care thereof.

How poore husbandmen ought not to bee oppressed, Cap. 14.

After

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After the whole companie are lodged, the officers appointed ought in the night season to goe from house to house to knowe and understande of the behaviour of the Souldiers, to this effect, that the insolent taunts be not misliked, or disguised by theyr companie, requiring unpertinent, vnlawful, or more then is needfull at theyr hosts handes. This charge doth onely apperteyne to the Ensigne beator and Sergeaunt of the band. And the Capitaine ought to haue regard to admonish these Officers to looke to their charge, and see that it be obserued.

¶ How the watch must be set, and the manner how to remoue the Scout. Cap. 15.



Every night watch must be kept as the companie proceed on theyr iourney, because when they happen to come amonge enemies, they shalbe better willing through theyr former experience and practise, and also how they may knowe to appoint theyr scout, & the same to chaunge at their houres, in such sort that those which are of the first watch, may call the second at his time, and the second the third, vnto the fourth, one giuing aduise to another with the watch word, that the Sergeaunt shall giue them, keeping the same in great secretie, but the watch word the Sergeant must haue at the mouth of the Capitaine, or his Lieutenannt in his absence. In the Summer season they vse to diuide the watch into thre partes of the night, and in the winter into foure. But this order is reserved vnto him that hath the whole charge.

¶ How the watch must be chosen, Cap. 16.



The Watch must call another, as hath bene already declared, so that the Sargeant may not be ouer troubled with that charge, at the least not being in place of daunger of enimies. Yet neuerthelesse, he is not to be excused from often visiting of the Watch, by meane whereof, he may haue better vnderstanding to know such Souldiers, as hee may best trust in time of necessitie. In the morning the bodie of the Ward or Watch shall come abroad with sound of Drum, by order accustomed, if there be no cause to the contrarie.

¶ How the Watch must be charged or set, and where they meete or repaire together, Cap. 17.



The Watch must be charged at the Ensigne, & ioyne together at the doze, wher the Cabo de Squadra lieth, that hath the charge or lot to watch that night. And if it happen to be the Captaines Squadron, then shall the Watch meete at the Sargeants lodging. Sometimes the Ensigne bearer entereth into his lot of watching: But it is no ordinarie thing, because it is the office of the Sergeant.

¶ How lodging ought to be demaunded. Cap. 18.



The Harbinger in providing of the alodgment for the companie, ought to ioyne with the Ruler & other Officers of the Citie or Towne, where the Armie shoulde bee lodged, & to demaund of them the bookes of Subsidie or other talkes payde by the Communitie of that place, to the intent, that euery inhabitant

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habitant or husbandman may supply according to their ability, and not to burden the poore, and let the rich escape free.

¶ How the Frutes, Vines, and Orchardes, ought to be kept from the spoiling of the souldiers.

Cap. 19.



¶ When it shoulde happen a compaignie to march, nere vnto any place, where are Vines, Orchardes, or any kinde of frutes, wherein Souldiers might doe any hurte, The Captain or Ensigne bearer ought to be aduertised of such place or places, before their departure from their alodgment: because before the company come to that place they stay all together, & then to march ioyntly together, and that a Cabo de Squadra with certaine Souldiers be sent before, to gard the place where hurt might be. For if this order were not, great spoyle would be made by unruly persons in poore mens ground.

How euerie Souldier ought to content himselfe, with the lodging that is allotted for him.

Cap. 20.



¶ When the company is lodged in any place wher they passe, proclamation must be made, how the Captaine commaundeth on great penalty, that no Souldier presume to abuse by any meanes his Hoste, Hostesse or Familie, and that they content themselves with such things, as shall be giuen them, without constraining or compelling them to any more. And that it is the Captaines will, that if any man can iustly complaine of any Souldier of that compaignie, he maye safely come to the Captaine to com.

complaine, & they shall be heard, & the offender punished.

This order must be obserued, when one companie or many marcheth by themselves.

¶ How a discord shoulde bee pacified, if anye happen betweene a company of souldiers, and the Townes men, Cap. 21.

When any Towne chance to fall at strife, with a company of Souldiers that are lodged in their Towne, and the discord chance to grow about or for want of lodging, which oftentimes doeth happen, the Captaine ought to proclaim, that all his Souldiers forthwith repaire to his Ensigne, whether they be armed or vnarmed, vpon good consideration there to attend and doe the thing that shall be necessarie and conuenient, to the seruice of their Prince, and in this sort to pacifie their contention with great foresight, considering that all such alterations are against the Princes seruice, and being gathered and come together, they shall retire by the Captaines commaundement to the place that vnto him shall seeme conuenient, for their greater quietnesse and pacification. For otherwise the broile would not be ended, without great hurt of both parties.

¶ Of the order that ought to be obserued, to such effect that the companies maye be alwaies prepared in a readinesse to make a squadion, and where both Pike men and Hargubusiars ought to be placed. Cap. 22.



Armour and weapon being deliuered to each souldier of a company, whether it be at going on shipboard, or otherwise wher they shalbe receiued. To every company shalbe appointed one part of Hargubusiars, and two of Pike men, and if there

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there be any want, it shall appear by the generall muster and copie of the number of them, and being founde not equall in order, the Hargubussiers that were more then neede, must be taken and placed where the want is, and the lyke among the Pike men. This account ought euerie Captaine to obserue among his companye, so that in this wise they shall be to most purpose in seruice. And euen so the Generall ought to giue commaundement to the Campe masters in theyr stee, to whom the charge doth appertaine in thirde.



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THE SECOND PART,

De remilitari.

Of the companies of Hargubusires which shall bee needfull in euerye third.

Cap. 23.



An host of armie that is to be ordeined, the companies ought to bee diuided into thirds, because they may vnderstand to what partie they may repaire, and in euery tierce or third, there should be two companies of hargubusires, besides those which are resited for a third, of the companies of Pikemen, the which shall serue in diuerse sortes, as sometimes to runne the fildes, and other times to take victualles from the enimie, also to defend or keepe passages, as byldges, or rivers, keeping them to theyr vse and safetie: also to skirmish, giue Camisado, lye in Ambush, to keepe watch in the day season, at the Gates of Cities, or other places that ought to bee garded, and for all manner of seruice needfull, which is not conuenient to the companies of Pikemen, nor yet may not be serued of them, as well for mountaines, straight passages, and other difficult places, because Pikemen are troublesome and cannot be in such places so mannable, as speede and agilitie requireth, as Hargubusires, who may enter into Squadron alwaies, not hauing other seruice wherein to be employed.

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Of the wayes and manner that some hath
writ to ordeine a Squadron,

Cap. 24.



One Captaines and men experimen-
ted in the warres haue written sundrye
wayes differing one from another in or-
dering a Squadron. And after the or-
dering thereof, they haue not liked the
stile, or found the same profitable. As for
example, some vse Triangle wise, some Crosse wise, and
some in a round or ring, the which most men cannot
bring to passe except the number were few, likewise they
cannot march or auail themselves, but onely being
firme, for if they would other wise march, of force they
must goe out of order, according as they haue written,
and I my selfe haue seene by the authours of them.

How they may be ordered touching their
weapons, and Cap. 25.



Here is some wayes to ordeine a Squa-
dron in square, which is, when it both
concerne one sort of weaponne, which
then must march in rowe, when the En-
signes cometh to the Artillerie, or to
the place which shoulde be assigned for
them in order according to the number of the rowe, and
the disposition of the place or ground, where they shoulde
ioyne with the souldiers, being few or many that eache
Ensigne hath, or each Captaine had gathered together,
without any delay of the Ensigne bearer. They ought to
haue such souldiers in their companie that shoulde be di-
ligent at all times to attend and repaire to the Ensigne,

for to goe vnto such place as they shall be commaunded
to repaire vnto. And as the souldiers come gathering to-
gether to their Ensignes, then shall they proceed on row,
so many on a rowe, as their account or reckoning doth
specifie. The chiefe sergeant according to his number of
soldiers which he hath, at which instant it is not to haue
regard to who the bangard doth apperteine, neither maine
battell, or reregard of euery terme nor companie. For at
the time of necessitie they cannot be ordeined to assigne,
or giue that which vnto euery third or companie doth
count the same day. In this forme or manner none shall be
agreued, because the thing may not otherwise be done by
reason of the damage or disorder that might ensue, in the
delay, so that in the same manner as they goe to the
gather, even in the same forme, they shall goe ordaining
the rowes, and hauing time, there shall be giuen to each
thero or companie, that which pertaineth vnto them, ei-
ther of bangard, maine battell, or reregard. The enemies
not being so nigh, & the order may be kept as is declared.

The manner how the Tudescos ordeined their
Quadrant. Cap. 26.

The nation or people called Tudescos used
to ordeine their manner of Quadrant as
followeth. As they went gathering toge-
ther to their Ensignes according to the number
which should be set in order, vnderstand-
ing how many pertained to a rank, but
whilest the ranke was not equall according to the num-
ber, they abide in forme of a boin, which doth signifie that
the ranks are not furnished. And this sort fight or account
had the first men that came to the Ensigne, & when the
ranks were repleat or full, they staid: & euen in the same
manner, the residue or others that came after ward to fur-
nish their Quadrant, vntill they were fully repleate.

But

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But this seemeth not unto me a good stile or vse, because the trust was reposed in the order of the first that ioined together, without consideration whether they were men expert, or no: notwithstanding the ordeining of a Quadrant ought to be done by the officers, which for that purpose should be appointed, for otherwile it should be a disorder.

Of the difficultie that is in the foresayd manner of order. Cap. 27.



Here is another manner of ordeining in the number of five or, seven, more or lesse, which is, that they must go doubling the ranks in this wise. That is to saye, to place the second rowe in the first of the Vanguard, and the fourth in the seconde place, and the sixt in the third, and in this sort to ordaine all the rest, til the number be finished. And doubling once, must redouble againe, untill the number be equall, to make a Quadrant according to the account of number that is kept of the infanterie or footmen.

The Ensignes and Drumme players shall goe at 3 in the ranks, that the number requireth, which hereafter shall more plainly be declared according, and of the manner, as now shall require, where the same shall be ordeined.

But when occasion shall serue to double and redouble the ranks, as often as the number is convenient, there is found two inconveniences.

The one is, for to double a ranke, they go doubling, leaving a great and void place or spaces betwene the one ranke and the other, so that they should run with speed to reach unto the ranke that marcheth, into the which they should enter.

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And in this wise if at that instant they should be encountered, they goe in great danger to be lost, because they goe wandering out of order. Besides this, there is another inconvience in the manner of ordaining in doubling and redoubling, which bringeth the number into order. And forsomuch, that this thing may be understood, it is on this sorte. What if a number of Souldiers amount to 400, being ordained by five and five, doubling the ranks once, from the second to the first, & from the fourth to the third, till the number be finished, remaining 10, in a ranke, so that in this litle number of 400, men, is to be understood the like in a greater number. But redoubling againe which is the second order, and shall remaine by 20, and 20, for front side and reregarde, which for the number of 400, is well ordained, because there doth remaine by 20, and 20, for front side and reregarde. But if the Souldiers were 300, in number, this should not be a good way of ordenaunce, for if they deale but onely once in ranke it shall remaine euill ordained, because the front shall be too little, and the sides ouer large, and euen so being redoubled, it shall be greater in front then large in quantitie, and so shall remaine euill ordered.

And if the Souldiours were 600, it shoulde be the like, but to ordaine of this sort, the number ought to bee equall to come into reason. And not being equall, shuld be to ordaine of an euill stile, beside the spaces which shuld be made, as hath bene declared.

¶ Of the account or care, that the chiefe Sergeant ought to haue, that the thing maye bee well ordeyned.

Cap. 28.

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I have and keepe a good order, each ser-
geant Major in his Tierce ought to haue
account by the list, whereby the compa-
nies are paide as vnto each Tierce or
thirde doth appertains to be ordered; and
to know the number of Souldiers that
each of them hath as well of Pikemen as Harbingers,
for the relation which they haue thereof; being founde
certayne and true, with more ease and facilitie they may
ordaine their Quadrants; because at the ioyning of the
Cohorts, which is a company of footemen, they maye re-
maine equall, and that the Souldiers haue no occasion to
passe from one Ranke to another although the accident
cannot come so euen that some doth not either sober or
want. But the best is to remaine as nigh the number as
may be.

How it shall be needfull that the Tierces bee
made equally. Cap. 29. of the first booke of the
manner of the English army.



The number being knowne, by reason of
the Captaines or Harbingers taking of
any of them the list or memoire, all of the
Companies which shall be gathered to-
gether; and the number being knowne
vnto each of them, and who hath most
Souldiers, and who least, making thereof three Tierces,
which in all respects may be equall in the number which
shall be ordained or set in order, & those that come nigh-
est to this reckoning, shall follow the best rule. And for
this consideration, it is meete that such like charges bee
giuen to olde Souldiers who are men expert in wars,
and not for affection or friendship as many times chaun-
ceth or hath happened, because if they once goe astray &
out of order, the amendment or remedie is not so soone
made,

made, not yet with facilitie, in breuitie of time placed in
number againe according to the first order.

In what sort a Quadrant is to be ordeined, if
all the Pikemen had Corselets, Cap. 30.



If all the Pike men of these Companies
weare Corselets, the Sergeants shal or-
daine that all these of the Companies of
Companie shall goe from Vanguard to
Vanguard, hauing 13. or 15. on a Ranke,
more or lesse conforimable to the number
whereof the Tierce shall be ordained, and by the order
that shall be giuen them, and after them the Companies
of Companie of the Battaille, and then must follow those
that shall be of the Rereguard, and the Ensignes of each
of these Tierces, shall goe in or betwene the Ranks
that the Sergeant Maio shall appoint, so at the ioyning
of the Tierces they may remaine all in Ranke, and this
account must be kept in all the Tierces without y want
of the one to the other, when all shoulde be ordained in
one Quadrant.

How the Tierces shall be ordained to make a
Quadrant hauing both Corselets and Pike-
men. Cap. 31.



And if the Companies of each Tierce,
which shoulde be ordained weare Corse-
lets & bare Pikes, the Sergeant of that
tierce shall ordain by y order y the Ser-
geant Maio shall giue vnto him, which
shall be in this sort: All the Corselets of
the companie or companies from vanguard to vanguard, & after
the corselets of y companies of vanguard, shall follow y com-
panies of y battel, & after the corselets of the Companies

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of the Battaille, the Pikes of the Companies of the Vanguard, and after the bare Pikes of the companies of the Vanguard, the Pikes of the Companies of the Battayle, And after the Pikes of the companies of the battayle, must follow the Pikes of the Companies of the Reregard, and after the Pikes of the Reregard must follow the Coxselets of the Companies of the Reregard. And in this sort shall be given to euery Company, or companies the Vanguard, Battaille or Reregard, when their turne falleth.

Of the order that doth appertaine to the companie or companies of Vanguard, Battaille, or Reregard. Cap. 32.



As to the Tierces or Companies of Vanguard, Battaille or Reregard, both appertaine to haue consideration, that to those that were one daye of the Vanguard doth belong the next daye the Reregard, and vnto them that were of the Reregarde this daye, to morow doth appertaine the Battaille, and in this sort shall they march from daye to daye, or in making Squadron, so that in this wise no tierce shall be aggrauated. And the selfe same order that the Sergeant Major shall keepe in all the Tierces, which by him shall be ordained, the other Sergeants shall keepe among theyr Companye perticularly. For when they shall ordayne, they may knowe the place, that vnto each Companye doth appertaine, either of Vanguard or Battaille.

How it is not a thing vnmeet, for the footmen to march in Tierces.

Cap. 33.

Some

Some will say that it is a great inconueni-
ence to march in tierces, of whom Squa-
drons are to be made in place where the
enemie is at hand: because it should ap-
peare that they goe out of order, for so
much that euerie Squadron, that should
be, goeth in tierce and not full, wherefore if in case the
contraries should come and finde them out of order. Cer-
teinly by this meane coulde not come any preiudice or
hurt, but rather profit. For if the contrarie cometh in
Squadron, they cannot so soon overtake the infanterys
called Footmen, which go in tierces, because they haue no
place to ordeine them. And if he would overtake & make
hast, yet shall they stray out of order, & comming in such
sort, any of the tierces may resist them and put them to
the disorder, although the Squadron be not formed. And
he that were in such sort set vpon, might thinke himselfe
happie.

Of the manner and order, and in what place the
Ensigne shall goe. Cap. 34.

But now returning to y^e purpose, to make
an end to ordeine our Squadron after
the last manner. The Ensigne should bee
placed in the first tierce of the Pikes on
this wise, if they be. 45. on a ranke, y^e En-
signe goe in the 15. ranke, and the same
order shall be kept both in the great and small number.
Before the tierces loyne, euery Sergeant shall place his
Ensigne, according to the account perticular, so that they
may all fall in ranke after the Squadron is ordeined.

Of the manner how euery Tierce should be orde-
ined by it selfe. Cap. 35.

The second part

If euerie tierce should be made a Squadron, and also being disposed to make of fiftie men fiftie or three Squadrons. Then each should be ordained by himselfe by the same order, if they may go according to the reckoning afore sayde to make a Squadron diuiding them before they ioyne in tierces. And if of the whole number a Squadron should be made, alone might euerie tierce so come in order on this wise, placing three partes of the first in the first, & out parte of the third, so restant taking out the Vanguard buttall of euery tierce, for to place the again at their own times, so that this order ought to be kept as well in great number as in small, so that the wyning of the tierces may be equal both by siting and regard, and in this wise although they goe marching, drawing firme or fall in a place, if they should be disposed to forme the Vanguard. Then shall the tierce of the Vanguard stay, and the tierces of the battell shall march on the one side, and the tierce of the rereguard on the other side, and in this wise shall remaine ordeined. And the Ensignes shall be placed in one of the ranks, according to the reckoning as hath ben declared, in much or little quantitie of Souldiers. But it shall be necessarie that when the tierce of the Vanguard stayeth, and the tierce of the battell marcheth on the one side, and the rereguard on the other side with the Sergeant maior, and minours vnto whom that daye the order doth belong. That then the Captaines which shall be found in the Vanguard as the tierces doth approach, they shall goe ordeining the first ranks as they come & ioyne therein with this of the Vanguard which are already in order. And the Sergeant or Sergeant maiors shall stande nere to the ranke where the Ensignes are placed, to haue speciall care that there passe no more ranks of the tierces then those which were appoynted in the tierce of the Vanguard.

vanguard. And likewise they shall cause to stay the residue that cometh, as unto the account both appertene.

In the first ranke which standeth behind the Ensignes they shall march eache in order without exceeding the one, nor wanting the other, for if any ranke should sober or want of those which ought to passe of the Ensignes untill the vanguard, the error should be euill to mend, because those of that tierce should returne backe againe, retiring to seeke the rank in the which each shuld reforme. And likewise should remaine perticularly some officers in the feregard, and shuld put in order the last ranks of that tierce, causing euery one to abide in the place which to him or them belongeth.

Of the order which ought to be obserued if any soldiers sober at the joining of the ranks.

Cap. 36. When a souldier cometh to the joining of the ranks, he should be at the ioyning of the cohorts common in called companies of footemen, there should be some souldiers of the tierces, so that they may not march equall, considering that it is ordinary to sober in one ranke or other. Then the Harguant may with diligence if among such be a ranke, with speed shall put them in order, and they amount to more then one ranke he shall doe the like, and if there be not enough to make a ranke, he shall place, one, two, or mo souldiers in the ranks that unto him shall seeme conuenient, where most need shall require, untill they be all placed, and so shall they be well ordeined. But this must be done before the Squadron be garnished of Hargubusiars.

The order how the Hargubusiars shall issue out from among the Pikemen, before they begin to ordeine.

Cap. 37.

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Before the tierce of Pike men begin to be let in order, the Sergeant maior of euery Tierce shall command each tierce that shoulde be ordeined by it selfe. That all the Hargubuseirs issue out from among the Pike men round about them, by that part where most space shall be found, after the Captaine or Captaines of Hargubuseirs, which vnto each apperteyneth. The which Captaines with the Hargubuseirs of their compaigns, and with the rest that were of the compaignes of Pikemen that shoulde be ordeined into Squadron. They shall march following their Captaines in order by three or fife in ranke, according to the number that is among them. And in the meane while that the Hargubuseirs doth march and giue a turne, the Sergeant shall ordeine by their Tierce the Pikemen, by the account in eache ranke that the Sergeant maior hath appointed. And hauing toynd the Tierces as is declared, the Hargubuseirs shall enter front vnto front of the Squadron by the least side, and so shall giue a turne by the reregard, following alwayes after theyr Captaine or Captaines, and so shall procede and march on vnto the Vanguard of the right side. So that in this sort the Squadron shall remaine garnished by both sides and reregard in good order.

¶ How the Hargubuseirs shall be diuided
if they be not needfull in the rere-
gard. Cap. 35.

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Having no neede of Hargubuffers for the Reregard, the number may be employed in this wise: If the company be ordained by five in Ranke, unto them and each ranke maye bee added two, so that the Ranke be vij. and if they be disposed that all the Hargubuffers remaine overplus, which did belong to the Reregard, then the Hargubuffers shall goe in the first order, and the overplus may have the benefit by dividing into the place, where best occasion serveth, and also in placing them where they deeme or think the Enemie to come, or at the least to discover with them the want of Horsemen, or to discover an ambush.

¶ How the Ensignes of the Campe Maisters, shall march, Cap. 39.



The Ensignes of the Campe Maisters, which were in the tierce or Tierces, shall march in this order: If there be but one alone, in one onely Tierce, he shall goe at the point of the right hand, & if there were two Tierces of two Campe Maisters, the one shall goe on the right hande, and the other on the left hand, because they are places of most honour, and most daunger. And if the Squadron were great, the halfe of the Ensignes shall goe on the right side, and the other on the left side, chaunging every daye by the order that hath bene declared, in the many or few that were, & so doing, there shall be no division at the time of ordaining, and none shall be aggravated.

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¶ How the baggage or carriage shall march in time of enemies, and how they shall march when there is no daunger, Cap. 40.



Arching, the Squadron or Squadrons ordained, the baggage shall goe by the Tierces on this wise. If the Enimie chaunce to come on the Wangarde, the Baggage shall goe in the Reregarde of every Tierce, vnto whom it doth appertaine, and a company of Hargabusiars, shall attende for their garde, or two companies, if the baggage belong to two tierces, the which shall march in sight of the tierces of Reregard.

And if the Enimie happen to come on the Reregard, the baggage shall passe to the Wangard with their garde or company of Hargabusiars, in such order that they may succour when neede requireth, not departing or seuering from the Wangard or Reregard, whereas they were appointed to goe. And hauing no enemies, they shall go betwixen y tierce or tierces of the battaille and the reregard. This order shall be in marching, and shall be done according to the disposition of the Countrey wheras they march, and the manner thereof.

¶ How a Squadron should be enlarged or shortened after the ordaining thereof, Cap. 41.



If a Squadron should be made greater being of a greater number then here is ordained, hauing more footemen, and also to be made of greater side then front through the disposition of the place, the Ranks of each tierce shall diminish in lesse number, that they may come inlt to the account that hath ben declared

declared to be ordained in the first perfection.

And if there should come as many more footmen, and to ioyne all in one, the Hargubushiers should be taken out of the one part, & the footmen put in order, that that enter into the third part of souldiers that the Squadron hath in Ranke, making therof two companies, the one that ioyne to the one side, and the other companie shall enter into the Reregard, crossing from the one poynt to the other. The which shall haue more rankes then the first conformation, that the number hath in as many as were in ranke ordained, and doing so they shall remaine in the same perfection, and according to the reckoning that was first appointed.

If the halfe of those which were ordained come to succour, then shall they put in Ranke the first part of such as are in Squadron, and so shall they come well ordained, and in the same forme, as they were at the first. And the Cohorts being put with the Pikemen as hath been declared, the Hargubushiers that come to succour shall be gathered with those that were first put in order, and shall then reforme to round the Squadron, increasing or decreasing in the order that they should enter by the account and number that the one haue of the other.

How the Squadron being so ordained on all partes maye make both Vanguard and Reregard. Cap. 42.



Now the Squadron being ordained, by the forme and account already specified, of the sides may be made vanguard, & of the vanguard & reregard, right side, and left side, and on what side so euer that they should bee sette on, they maye make Fronte

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of Vanguard, they may also march, set on, breake, or retire, onely it shall be needfull to chaunge the Ensignes on that side where the Vanguard is planted for to be committed to the account of the Ranks which were first.

And this is, because it may not be understood, if a Squadron should come to assault on any side, that they should goe round about for to turne to the Vanguard, considering there is no necessitie of other thing, but for the footemen to turne their face to the part where they should be encountered, or set upon, or would encounter, and shall remaine ordained with the same force as it was at the beginning, sithens the order abideth on the same manner. But to goe round about should be a great disorder.

¶ How few in number should be set in order against many. Cap. 43.

If the Enemies were more then the Squadron which should breake with them, so many souldiers should be ordained in Rank as they may get, so that they may not grabe them in front on the part of the sides, for the vantage should be much, and the daunger greater, considering, y the fortune or waight of the matter dependeth in the first five or six Ranks, & if it happen the Enemy seeing so great a front in the Squadron which he helde for so small, they would imagine that some succour or ayde were come, which should be an occasion somewhat to discourage them hauing indged them for many lesse, then those that the order did manifest.

¶ How vigilant care is to bee had, in giuing the command whether the Souldiers are willing or vnwilling. Cap. 44.



It is necessarie, that a battayle hauing order to be giuen, the Souldiers shewing themselves either willing or timorous, and without hope to obtaine victorie, the which in their countenance or apperaunce may appeare, after that they are set in order. This foresight or knowledge both appertaine to the generall of the Host, and campe masters, which were knowne to be most expert, and to giue great charge vnto the Sergeants maiors, that they may see and consider what they ought to do, according to their knowledge.

And the waight of the matter being found not inconvenient tearme for the purpose. The giuing of battayle ought to be excused, being in his hand at that instant which was appointed. And doing so it shall be well done, either to giue them present pay, or else to promise it them, and to content and please them in all their desire.

But if of force the battaile must be giuen. Then it shall be needfull to encourage them, and to giue them to vnderstand, that the victorie is certaine and sure on their side, trusting vnder God in their strength and valour, representing vnto them the lyke things and successes that hath happened in lyke sorte, and this must be declared vnto them according to the wisdom and courage of him that hath the charge to gouerne them.

Of the manner that the Hargubusiars should
issue out of the Squadron to skirmish.

Cap. 45.

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If the Hargubusters shuld come to skir-
mish being in the Squadron, it shall be
on this wise. The one flæue or wing
of the one side, on that part where they
shall giue the onset, or else be set vppon
shall begin to discharge the shot, hauing
care the one to the other, keeping time in the discharge
as shall appeare most needfull, and before the shot make
an ende the Captaine or Sergeant which was appoin-
ted for that purpose shall regather his companie. And
then shall issue out the flæue or wing on the other side,
to receiue those that retyeth without hurt, to haue them
prepared in readinesse for the skirnishe, and when those
that issued out first haue retired, then shall the second go
out to doe & like, and then the third in order, staing one
for the other. So that whilest the one shotte, the other
should retire, & in this order they shall be able to main-
teine themselves with continuall shot until they be com-
manded otherwise all in good order.

Of the order how to put a sinder or vndoe, 311
Squadron that should be lodged.
Cap. 46.



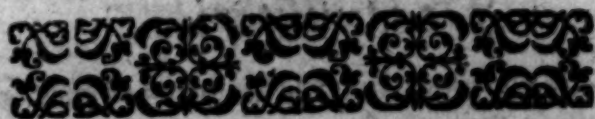
Squadron hauing no made to remaine
in foyme, & being in tearme to be lod-
ged, according as time giueth place, they
shall come out in this wise. The Cap-
taines of the Hargubusters shal march
by the same order as they entered in,
or their Lieutenants in their steede, following them all
the Hargubusters, and then euery tierce by himselfe,
their Ensignes ioyne together, as in the same tierce was
ordeined, accounting them their Souldiers which apper-
teine vnto them. And then shall euery Ensigne stande
aside

alsoe in his due place, and the souldiers of euery compa-
nie to follow their Ensigne, and euen in the same or-
der shall the Hargubusters follow their Ensignes, after
that they are out of the Squadron, and then to
take theyr lodging, according to the
appointment of the order of
the Officers.

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THE THIRD PART, *De re militari.*

How it is needfull to haue account among the
Pike-men & Hargubusiars to make a Squa-
dron. Cap.47.

Here before hath bene declared the order
how to plant a Squadron to march well
ordained, and the difficultie to ordaine.
Now it is needfull according to the num-
ber of Hargubusiars or Pike-men that
in every of the Squadrons should be or-
dained, to haue account of the number that were, of how
many cometh in ranke, from the number of 500. footes
men with Pikes, unto the number of 3000. and the har-
gubusiars that were needfull for that number to be gi-
ued to the sides and reregard as before hath bene decla-
red, hauing one tierce of Hargubusiars and two of pike-
men, some more or lesse according to the order as
is declared, who shal not let to enter into the number of
the reckoning that goeth before, considering that they
may reach to the mo, and to the lesse, and may not want
many, nor yet sober by the third part specified. The com-
panies being referred unto them.

Pi. { If the Squadron were of five hundred
 { twenty and nine Pike men, there ap- } 23
 { pertaineth to a Ranke. 23.

Var. 3. { If there were two hundred and seaven
 { Hargubuffers, to girdle the Pikemen both } 207
 { by sides and reregard, they shall march by

Var. { If they were three hundred fortie and
 { five, they shall march five on a Ranke. } 345

In this order the Sergeant Major shall set them in
 order, and the Captaine commaund the same order to be
 obserued, or his Lieutenant, and so shall they come well
 ordayned according to the Squadron.

Pi. { If the Squadron were of five hundred
 { twenty and five Pike men, they shall be } 25
 { twenty and five on a Ranke.

Var. 3. { And if the Hargubuffers were two hun-
 { dred twenty and five, they shall march by } 225
 { 3. and 3.

Var. 5. { And if they were three hundred twenty
 { five, then shall they march by five and five } 325
 { on Ranke.

Pi. { If the Squadron were of seaven hundred
 { thirtie and nine Pike men, then doth be } 27
 { long 27. to a Ranke.

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And if the Hargubuffers which should enter into Squadron, were two hundred forty and three, then shall they march by 3. and 3. 243

And if they were four hundred twenty and five, then shall they march by five on a Kanke. 425

If the Squadron were of eight hundred forty and one Pike men, then belongeth 29. to a Kanke. 29

And if the Hargubuffers were two hundred sixty and one, then shall they march by 3. and 3. 261

And if they were four hundred thirty and five, they shall then marche by five and five. 435

If the Squadron were of nine hundred thirty and one Pike men, then belongeth thirty one to a Kanke. 31

And if the Hargubuffers were two hundred seventy nine, they shall march in order by 3. and 3. 279

And if they were four hundred lxxv. they shall march by five on ranke. 475

If the Squadron were of one thousand eight hundred and nine Pike men, then belongeth to a Kanke. 33. 33

And

And if the Vargubussiers were two hundred
 Par. 32 } and nine and five, there appertayneth } 295
 3. to a Ranke.

And if they were four hundred nine
 Par. 5 } and five, then shall they march by five } 495
 on a Ranke.

If the Squadron were of one thousande
 Pi. } two hundred twentie and five, then belon- } 35
 geth 35. to a Ranke.

And if the Vargubussiers were 325. they
 Par. 35 } shall march by 3. on a Ranke. } 325

And if they were five hundred twentie
 Par. 5 } and five, then shall they march by five on } 525
 Ranke, and keepe good order.

If the Squadron were of one thousande
 Pi. } three hundred sixtie and nine, then belong- } 337
 eth 37. to a Ranke.

And if the Vargubussiers were three hun-
 Par. 3 } dred thirtie three, they shall enter by three } 333
 into a Ranke.

And if they were five hundred fiftie
 Par. 5 } and five, they shall marche by five and } 555
 five.

If the Squadron were a thousande five
 Pi. } hundred twentie and one Pike men, then } 39
 belongeth 39. to a Ranke.

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And if the Hargubusters were three hundred fiftie and one, they must march by 3. 357
 War. 3 on Ranks.

And if they were five hundred eighty and five, then shall they goe by five in a rank. 585
 War. 5
 Der.

If a Squadron of Pikemen were in number one thousand six hundred eighty one, then belongeth 41. to a Rank. 41
 Pi.

And if the Hargubusters were 369. they shall be 3. on Ranks. 369
 War. 3

And if they were 615. then shall they be five on Ranks. 615
 War. 5

If the Pike men were one thousand eight hundred forty nine, then belongeth 43. to a Rank. 43
 Pi.

And if the Hargubusters were 387. they shall march by 3. and 3. 387
 War. 3

And if they were five hundred forty five, then shall they march by five on Ranks. 645
 War. 5

If the Pike men were in number thousand twenty five, then belongeth 45. to a Rank. 45
 Pi.

And if the Hargubusters were four hundred and five in number, then shall they march by 3. 405
 War. 3

And

Bar. And if they were five hundred Irish they
must march by five on a ranke, and so forth. 675.

¶ If the Squadron of Pike men in number
be five thousand, two hundred and nine, then 47.
they shall march by three on a ranke.

And if the Barchubuffers were foure hun-
dred, twenty and three, they must march 423
by three on a ranke.

And if they were in number seauen hun-
dred and five, they shall march five on a 705.
ranke.

¶ If the Squadron were in number two thou-
sand foure hundred and one, then belongeth 449
49 to a ranke.

And if the Barchubuffers were foure hun-
dred, xlii, then shall march three on a 441
ranke.

And if they were seauen hundred and
thirteen, then belongeth three to a 735.
ranke.

¶ If the Pike men were two thousand five
hundred, and one, then belongeth 501
to a ranke.

And if the Barchubuffers were foure hundred
and three, they shall march by three on a ranke.

And if they were in number seuen hundred
and three, then shall enter five in a ranke.

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Pi. If the were Pike men in number thousande, viii. hundred and nine, then
liii. belongeth to a ranke.

Var. And if the Vargubusters were foure hundred lxxvii, they shall march by thre on
a ranke.

Var. And if they were seauen hundred lxxxv. five in number, then shall enter five into
a ranke.

Pi. If the Pike men were in number three thousand twentie and five, then must
into ranke.

Var. And if the Vargubusters were foure hundred lxxxv. then shall they enter into
a ranke.

Var. And if they were eight hundred twentie five in number, then must they march by
five on ranke.

And the lyke as well in the former number as in the rest must be obserued, and by the same order the Squadron may be rowne both by sides and reregard.

In this number of Pike men & Vargubusters which in the reason & account hath ben declared, and conyning iust therewith the thing should be perfect, & the Squadron wel ordeined. But although they wer fowle more or lesse in final quantity, they distord not the order, nor yet therefore shall it let to be of purpose so to serue. And because by these rules it may be the better vnderstood, & the Sergeant maye thereof auailde himselfe, byning the number to the nighest.

How

How the victuals should be distributed,

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In an host of armie although they be of sundrie nations, being in campe & in necessitie to be provided with victuals, of the Princes purveyor general, or of such person or persons as for that purpose were appointed, this order ought to be observed, proclamation generall must be made, to the intent that all the officers unto whom doth appertene the charge to provide for each nation, repaire to the place of distribution. And euery nation hauing received his due part, proclamation must likewise be made among each nation, that the same provision may be equally distributed to the tierce of euery campe maister, and to all other tierces by their companies, and of the companies by the Cabos de Squadras, the number being knowne that euery of them hath, and from them to each particular companie called a messe or Camafada.

The like order must be observed in all kinde of provision that shoulde be diuided being necessarye for the warres, as well of Biskuit, salt meates, Cheese, Wine, & fish, as also of all other kinde of victuals y^e were appointed to be distributed, and in the same manner, Gunne powder, Lead, Pellets, Baskets, shouells, Pikes, Pike-axes, and other necessaryes for the service of the Prince, that doth appertene meet and conuenient to such a iourney: provided alwayes, that the first distribution ought to be amonge the forreine Nations, by the Tierces of euery Nation, and of the Tierces for the Companies, and from the Companies by the Squadronnes, and by the Squadronnes to the Messes,

and

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and by them to every souldier, giuing alwaies the aduan-
tages to the Captaines, Ensigne bearers, and other offi-
cers and souldiers to whom it shold doe well.

I doe well vnderstand that if it were not so such as
were affectioned to the exercise of armes, this small trea-
tise would giue but small deloyght, but rather will reiect
it as a thing impossible, having no respect but only to
their pastime. But I for my part cannot give unto them
any other amuse, but only such as I have written in this
art. And if the stile of writing shall seeme rude vnto
them, yet I pray them to consider it. For he better in-
more to give order how to use the body weapon, and to
exhort souldiers by sentence, then eloquently as to do
with pen. yet there is no better. I doe knowe which
want not eloquence in speaking like Orators, and ex-
cellent courage in fight like souldiers. The works of the
Indians as well past as present are renowned for their
prowess, therefore, without measure or other praise more
than their public fame hath proclaimed out of countrey.

And if any error have slipped in this treatise touch-
ing the Art herein specified, I heartily praye vnto him
that vnderstandeth it to amende the same, and I shall
be alwayes ready to amend the same, considering that

the same is not without error, how often and how
of late times it hath bene, I will not say.

But in this type is error and vice,
but that some vices may be.

And thus I have written, and thus I have written.

FINIS

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